January 17, 2018

Dear Chapter Members,

We are in receipt of an email from a BC veterinarian regarding her views on the College of Veterinarians of BC and its consideration of the issue of cat declawing (partial digital amputation). It appears this email is circulated widely.

The CVMA-SBCV Chapter supports the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association Position Statement on Partial Digital Amputation of the Domestic Felid which reads, in part:

**Position**

The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) opposes elective and non-therapeutic Partial Digital Amputation (PDA), commonly known as declawing or onychectomy, of domestic cats.

The entire CVMA Position Statement can be found at this link: https://www.canadianveterinarians.net/documents/partial-digital-amputation-onychectomy-or-declawing-of-the-domestic-felid-position-statement

**Because the CVMA-SBCV Chapter opposes the elective or non-therapeutic declawing of cats, we lend our voice to this issue, encouraging the College of Veterinarians of BC to adopt a bylaw or standard prohibiting such declawing of cats.** We also encourage our Chapter members to make their views known prior to the CVBC Board meeting on January 20, 2018 by emailing the College, addressed to the Registrar, at lhlus@cvbc.ca. The Chapter respectfully requests that you consider copying the Chapter on your emails (sbcvchapter@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Dr. Sarah Armstrong, President
For the Board of Directors of the CVMA-Society of BC Veterinarians Chapter
Speaking on behalf of more than 600 veterinarians in BC.